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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: HYDROGENATION CATALYST FOR HYDROCARBON OIL, CARRIER FOR  
IT, AND METHOD OF HYDROGENATION OF HYDROCARBON OIL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action dated December 6, 2002, Applicants elect, with  
traverse, Group I, Claims 1-8, 23-28, 31, 32, 34-38, 50-54, 57, and 58, for further  
prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-8, 23-28, 31, 32, 34-38, 50-54, 57, and 58, drawn to a  
composition of a catalyst;

Group II: Claims 9, 33, 39, and 59, drawn to a hydrodesulfurization process; and

Group III: Claims 10-21, 29-30, 40-49, 55, and 56, drawn to process of making a  
catalyst.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-8, 23-28, 31, 32, 34-38, 50-54, 57,  
and 58, for further prosecution.

Applicants submit that the claims of Group II depend directly from the claims of  
Group I. Accordingly, these Groups clearly have a technical relationship that involves the